

Shelby County Fire Department
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******* EVENT NOTIFICATION *******

Event Date: October 17th, 2014

At just before 2:30AM Friday morning, multiple engine companies from three fire departments were dispatched to reports of a home on fire in southeast Shelby County. The 2,501 square foot house, located in the forty-three hundred block of Winding Hollow Way, was on fire near the back of the 2nd floor. The first Fire Fighters from Shelby County Fire Department began arriving just six minutes following the initial dispatch and they were reporting both fire and smoke showing and that an immediate attack on the flames was commencing.

In all nearly two dozen Fire Fighters from Germantown, Memphis City and Shelby County Fire Departments were on the scene at the height of the blaze. Three people were occupying the home at the time and all were able to get out of the house without significant injury. Two members of the family were initially treated on the scene for some issues of hypertension and later the homeowner was taken to an area hospital by family members with elevated blood pressure. The fire was knocked down in twenty-five minutes. No fire fighters were injured during this operation. The family's small dog was also found alive hiding beneath the bed during a standard secondary search of the home.

The Shelby County Fire Department takes this opportunity to remind those that we serve, that the reason that this family escaped serious injury or perhaps even death was the proper placement and functionality of their smoke detectors. "They were awakened by the sound of the detectors" said Fire Chief Dale Burrell from the scene. "This gave them enough time to get up, and get out of the house before they were overwhelmed by the smoke and heat. "Everyone here is alive tonight because of these monitors and we need to remind individuals that if they need their smoke detectors checked or if they need one installed, to contact their local fire department to arrange to have that done. Tragedy was averted here tonight and a family is intact because of functioning smoke detectors." He said. The cause of the fire is not known at this time.



A moment of joy when the family was reunited with their loved family dog. Smoke detectors save these important family members too!

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